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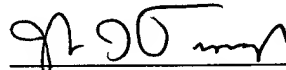
The present preliminary amendment is prepared in accordance with the new revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims in the application is shown above showing the status of each claim. For current amendments, inserted material is underlined and deleted material has a line therethrough.

The present preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 of the subject patent application.

The claims have been amended to clarify that the claimed method and claimed article of manufacture are directed to a single-faced flexible corrugated tape strip article and a double-faced flexible corrugated tape strip article. The article is defined as a tape and it is respectfully submitted that the claimed article is different and distinct from the articles shown in the prior art which are not tape articles. Haulshalter uses a base plate (not a tape) and Takahashi does not disclose either a single-faced or double-faced flexible corrugated tape article. Basis for the amendments may be found throughout the specification, and, for example, on page 4, the paragraph beginning at lines 5, 9 and 14.

In the light of the amendments to the claims it is believed that the present RCE application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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